

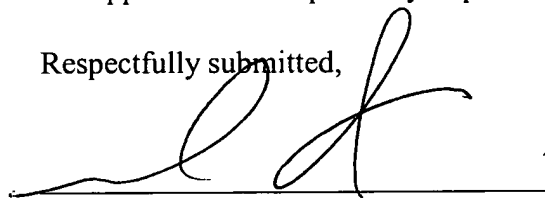
with the species comprising water be found to be patentable, Applicants request the Examiner to proceed in the following order in the search of subsequent species:

1. Acetic acid
2. Paraffin wax
3. Germanium-silicon
4. Germanium

Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and substantive examination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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